working at railway stations in the country, zone-wise, till date;

(b) what is the amount of registration fee received by the Railways from the coolies; and

(c) what is the number of complaints received against coolies from Railway passengers, zone-wise, during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Urdu Institutions in the country

2248. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number and the details of central educational institutions, other than central universities where Urdu is taught, till date;

(b) what is the number of students studying Urdu in these institutions, till date; and

(c) what is the number of teachers in Urdu in these institutions, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P SAHI): (a) to (c) Information, in part, in respect of Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas, which are central educational institutions, is given in attached statement (*See* below).

More information is benig collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(i) KENDRIYA VIDYALAYAS

Provision for teaching Urdu as Regional language exists in four Kendriya Vidyalayas where 20 or more students opt for the same.

However, the teaching of Urdu as a third language under the Three-language formula has now been introduced in 6 Kendriya Vidyalayas in Haryana, 10 Kendriya Vidyalayas in Uttar Pradesh, 4 Kendriya Vidyalayas in Madhya Pradesh and all Kendriya Vidyalayas in Kashmir and Ladakh areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

(ii) NAVODAYA VIDYALAYAS

Urdu is taught in 18 Navodaya Vidyalayas located in the States of Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.

In these Vidyalayas, 1863 students are studying Urdu.

One Urdu teacher has been sanctioned for each of these Vidyalayas.

Whereabouts of caterings officer in Aditya Vardhan

2249. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Hari Niwas Sharma, catering officer on board an Indian ship, M. T. Aditya Vardhan is missing;

(b) whether the matter is under investigation by the C.B.I.;

(c) whether it is, also a fact that the brother of Shri Hari Niwas Sharma Lt. Cdr. N. C. Sharma, has alleged that his brother is still alive and the body which was found and cremated was somebody else's and that his brother has been held captive by the Korean Ocean Shipping Agency agent; and

(d) if so what are the details in this regard?